

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful telephone interview of October 21, 2008, in which corrections to the filing receipt dated April 1, 2004, were discussed. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicants submit herewith an Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312 to clarify the relationship of PCT/US01/14245 filed May 2, 2001 claiming priority to PCT/US00/29528 filed October 27, 2000 as a continuation-in-part. The first paragraph of the specification is also amended herewith to clarify, and to include the issued patent number for parent U.S. Application No. 09/697,317.

Upon further review of the filing receipt and specification as originally filed, Applicants noted that a priority claim under 35 USC 119(e) to the prior-filed provisional applications, Application No. 60/162,230 filed October 29, 1999 and Application No. 60/179,020 filed January 31, 2000, was shown for parent U.S. Application No. 09/697,317 but not for parent application PCT/US00/29528, both filed October 27, 2000.

Accordingly, Applicants also submit herewith an Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312 to amend the first paragraph of the specification following the title to include a proper reference under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(5) to prior-filed provisional applications, Application No. 60/162,230 filed October 29, 1999 and Application No. 60/179,020 filed January 31, 2000, for which the benefit of priority under 35 USC 119(e) is requested. Applicants also file concurrently herewith a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a).

No issues of new matter should arise and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

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Amendment dated November 6, 2008
After Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No. 0102258.00170US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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